

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 5, 2014

Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by George Denholm with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, and Kenneth Whipker were present. Dascal Bunch and James Lienhoop were absent.
- D. Councilor Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting on July 15, 2014 as presented. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

None.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports


B. Discussion Items:

- 1.) State Street Corridor Revitalization – Mayor Brown introduced Dave Richter, President of United Consulting, Jeromy Richardson, Engineer with United Consulting, and Beth Fazel, Columbus City Engineer. Jeromy presented a power point presentation depicting designs of the State Street master plan, which is a sidewalk and pedestrian trail improvement revitalization corridor plan. Jeromy explained the plan goes from Lafayette Avenue to North Mapleton Street. He provided the Council with a cost summary for two (2) options: an Urban Streetscape and Multi-Use Trail from Lafayette Avenue to North Mapleton Street, with an estimated cost to the city of \$6.9 million; and State Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation from Central Avenue to North Mapleton Street, a \$1.8 million investment. Through much discussion, it was determined that the urban trail would require an agreement from INDOT to narrow the lanes on State Street, a plan they have yet to agree upon. Dave Richter suggested the City Council postpone their decision for two (2) weeks which would allow him time to personally contact INDOT. Councilor Jerome stated Council Members are very much in favor of this project, but the two-week time frame puts a lot of pressure on the city. He is concerned the development could end up with mistakes. Julie Aton, member of the State Street Study, referred to the State

Street Plan prepared by the Lakota Group, where it talked about implementation procedures which include the input of a variety of entities. Russ Poling, member of the Columbus Redevelopment Commission and resident of east Columbus, would like to see some improvements on State Street, but agrees with the City Council that if you can't move the curb, the urban trail may not be a viable option at this time. Julie Mills, State Street Association and resident of east Columbus, questioned if the full \$6.9 million could be set aside for future use if the plan isn't a viable project right now. Morris Percifield asked if the city just found out about INDOT's plans for State Street. He questioned the two-week window. Much discussion followed.

- 2.) Millrace Amphitheater Redesign – Mayor Brown. Jayne Farber, former Consultant, Columbus Arts District, for the Redevelopment Commission, briefly described the process thus far for the amphitheater redesign project and introduced Peter Rutti, Director of Design with Westlake Reed Leskosky. Peter introduced Steve Ruble with Strand and Associates who is assisting with the project. Peter presented a power point presentation, detailing design aspects for a new amphitheater. He provided a three tier construction cost estimate for the project and suggested the city develop a mission statement for this development. Peter said Westlake Reed Leskosky offers an interim agreement, for future work sessions, to refine the project in which the city would be billed at an hourly rate. Mayor suggested developing a plan for private and public funding. Much discussion followed.
- C. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:23 P.M.


Presiding Officer

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus